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ADVISORY ACTION (CONT.)

1. The amendment filed 09/29/2009 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance and will not be entered because:

a. The proposed amendment required further considerations and/or search (e.g. the new limitations of “*the operation key includes: an up key for depressing to increment an editing digit; a down key for depressing to decrement an editing digit; a left key for depressing to increment the editing digit variable; and a right key for depressing to decrement the editing digit variable, in the numeral editing*” of claim 5; “*the operation key includes: an up key for depressing to increment an editing digit; a down key for depressing to decrement an editing digit; and a left key for depressing to increment the editing digit variable, in the numeral editing*” of claim 6; and “*a member for incrementing an editing digit variable until the digit is reached to an uppermost order digit and for changing the uppermost order digit to 0 when the left key is dressed*” of claim 6).

b. The proposed amendment may necessitate the modification of outstanding rejection(s) to address the new limitation, e.g. the new limitations of “*the operation key includes: an up key for depressing to increment an editing digit; a down key for depressing to decrement an editing digit; a left key for depressing to increment the editing digit variable; and a right key for depressing to decrement the editing digit variable, in the numeral editing*” of claim 5; and “*the operation key includes: an up key for depressing to increment an editing digit; a down key for depressing to decrement an*

editing digit; and a left key for depressing to increment the editing digit variable, in the numeral editing” of claim 6 would necessitate the modification of the 112, second paragraph, rejection regarding the claimed term ‘*member*’ since the new functional limitation of the ‘*operation key*’ is similar to the claimed term ‘*member*’.

c. The proposed amendment may necessitate the raising of new prior art rejections and/or 112 issues. For example, reinstating the 112, second paragraph, rejections regarding the terms ‘*controls to subdivide*’ and ‘*displayed can be grasped*’ that was raised in the Office Action mailed 02/13/2009.

d. There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment was not earlier presented.

e. Applicant arguments of the prior arts of record are moot since they are based on the proposed amendments that have not been entered.

f. For all the reasons above the amendment does not place the case in better condition for allowance and/or appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MY-CHAU T. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-0810. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday: 8:00-2:30; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30-5:00; Friday: 8:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Richard A. Hjerpe can be reached on 571-272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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